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1. The level airfield, about 5,000-foot square, was located between the southern town limits of TUSHINO (37°25' E/55°49' N) and the Moskva River. Four large brick hangars and three large wooden hangars were located at the northern edge of the airfield. All hangars were camouflaged with yellowish green paint. A concrete landing field, about 1,300 x 1,600 feet, was located immediately south of the hangars and terminated in a 160x660-foot taxiway running west. \*

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2. The following aircraft were observed:

a. One turbo-jet fighter  circled the airfield for about four minutes at an altitude of about 1,600 feet. It was conspicuous in that the plane had two trough-shaped protrusions at the wing roots. Each protrusion, in the shape of a half bomb, had two tubes at its wider rear section. Two bluish-red, about 10-foot long jets of fire emanated at intervals from each tube. During the four-minute duration of performance three such bursts of fire occurred, each lasting three to four seconds. Such a burst of fire was at first accompanied by a thundering noise which changed to a siren-like roaring and faded into a steady deep-sounding rumbling noise after the flames disappeared.  25X1

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the plane reached a speed of about 550 mph during these four minutes of performance. ++ 25X1

b. Twelve large transport aircraft from which about 900 paratroops jumped over the airfield. +++

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+ a. The statements on location and buildings of the airfield confirm available records.

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++ b. The observed turbo-jet fighter seems to be a test model of a conventional propeller-driven fighter aircraft which was equipped with two pulse-jets or two auxiliary rocket boosters. The same or similar type of aircraft have frequently been observed. Except for the aircraft type with the pulse jets set under the wings, no other version of this aircraft type seems to be militarily usable.

+++ c. The observed parachuting from four-engine transport planes is considered credible but the number of 900 paratroopers, about twenty-five from each aircraft, is overrated. It is assumed that each of the four-engine transport aircraft could carry about sixty fully equipped paratroopers.

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